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POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) ACRYLATES AND  
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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

In The Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

26. A compound represented by the formula:



where

Z represents H or alkyl;

POLY and POLY' are poly(alkylene oxide) groups that can be the same or different and are represented by the formula  $-(\text{CH}_2\text{CHRO})_n-\text{CH}_2\text{CHR}-$  in which R is H or alkyl, and n ranges from about 10 to about 4000;

Q represents a functional group; and

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